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## AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTIONAL EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-04

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2021, the Governor issued Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-04 which encapsulated all prior measures taken by the leadership of the Executive and the Legislative branches to maintain Pohnpei State's collective response to the imminent threat of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, given the undeniable vulnerability of the State of Pohnpei to the COVID-19 pandemic experienced all over the world and the limited resources available to combat and mitigate the effects of the pandemic, it is of paramount importance and legal duty to continue to take all the precautionary measures and interventions necessary to protect the lives of our people; and

WHEREAS, due to recent medical development measures such as effective vaccination and reliable laboratory testing, an amendment is necessary that will guide in the implementation of this Constitutional Emergency Order.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Reed B. Oliver, Governor of the State of Pohnpei, pursuant to the authority vested upon me under Article 13, Section 9 of the Pohnpei Constitution and pursuant to 8 PC 1-102(e), do hereby amend the Constitutional Emergency Order as follows:

Paragraph (6) of the Constitutional Emergency Order is amended to read as follows:

"6) Air and sea travel:

a) With respect to international travel:

(i) No passenger is allowed to disembark in the State of Pohnpei, except crew of commercial airlines, humanitarian support aircraft and vessels, including search and rescue assets, FSM licensed fishing vessels, and all cargo vessels and tankers who may disembark only in the performance of required operational duties within the immediate airport or seaport facilities; PROVIDED that they do not come in contact with anyone including airport or seaport personnel; and

(ii) PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstances caused by accidents, *force majeure*, disease, illness, or other extenuating factors that may result in substantial risk, injury or loss of life to any person, the Department of Health and Social Services in coordination with relevant state agencies and the Pohnpei COVID-19 Emergency Task Force shall, on a case by case basis, undertake all required medical protocols and health measures relative to COVID-19 including risk assessment, quarantine or isolation